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ABSTRACT

This compilation serves as a reference to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in relation to policies and practices of school districts and other entities providing educational services to elementary and secondary level students. The volume begins with a road map of Section 504 in relation to public schools, with an emphasis on students. The legislation itself is then provided, followed by regulations, which are presented in two forms: the official version and an annotated version based on a sampling of court decisions and administrative interpretations. The annotated version provides insight into the degree and direction of the evolving enforcement and interpretation of Section 504 in the schools, suggesting guidance as to vulnerable practices and preventive procedures. Extensive appendices include: a comparison of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504; compliance self-evaluation forms; sample notices outlining parent and student rights; sample general policies and procedures for implementing Section 504; Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards; classroom accommodation guidelines; sample forms; and an alphabetical list of court cases referred to in the text. (SW)

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